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DEVICE FOR SECURING THE IMPLANT
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action from the Examiner dated March 24, 2004 (which, as described below, is A DUPLICATE), please consider the accompanying remarks.